



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LAS CRUCES

JANUARY 28, 2010

## ***GOOD NEWS!***

### **More Salt & Light Help is Needed!**

#### **2:45pm-3:45pm Homework & Movie Time Helpers**

Pre-K through Elementary

We are looking for people to come help us with the children weekly.

#### **Teacher Helper 4:15pm to 5:35pm**

for Older Elementary Recreation & Bible Class

#### **Recreation Helper 4:55pm to 5:35pm**

for Younger Elementary

Please call Michelle, or Linda, at the church office 526-5559

As Soon As Possible, if you can help!

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It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to Heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes.

-Matthew, age 9



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### **View From the Pew**

by Ann M. Velia

#### ***Waiting on God***

***Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father. So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world. But when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. - Galatians 4:1-5, New American Standard Bible.***

Sometimes waiting on the Lord seems like lost time. We put something in motion with a prayer request -- or with a daring step of obedience! -- and time stands still. No response.

Does God forget that He has set a limit on our earthly lives? Doesn't He realize that we use clocks and calendars to order our affairs, and having to wait messes up our schedules?

Our time-bound minds want a clear sequence. We can't proceed until that prayer is answered...until God confirms our actions with a reward or redirection...until we understand what's going on.

The Galatians passage gives a couple of hints. There is the reference to *the date set by the father* to release the child from tutelage, and then to *the fulness of time* when a whole new plan came into effect.

God doesn't needlessly stretch our patience with waiting periods. He allows time for our maturing. He puts other conditions in place so that our little contribution fits into the grand design of the Kingdom to which we will be heirs.

A good thing to do with those waiting times is what James 1:5 advises: *But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.*

And with that wisdom, we can do as Ephesians 5:17-18 urges us: *Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*

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**First Presbyterian Church  
presents a  
Concert Series Inaugural Event**

## **A Hymn Festival**

**led by Michael Burkhardt**

**Sunday, February 14th, 4 PM  
In our Sanctuary**

**Featuring  
Dona Ana Youth Choir  
NMSU University Singers and Instrumentalists  
Community Festival Choir**

**Dr. Michael Burkhardt is an internationally renowned organist, composer and choral clinician, especially admired for his creative hymn improvisations and his work with children.**

**Additional sponsors:  
NMSU Music Department  
Las Cruces Chapter of the American Guild of Organists  
Suggested donation \$5.00**

**For more information call 575-523-6751**

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**<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Las-Cruces-NM/First-Presbyterian-Church-Las-Cruces-NM/273381375466?ref=ts>**



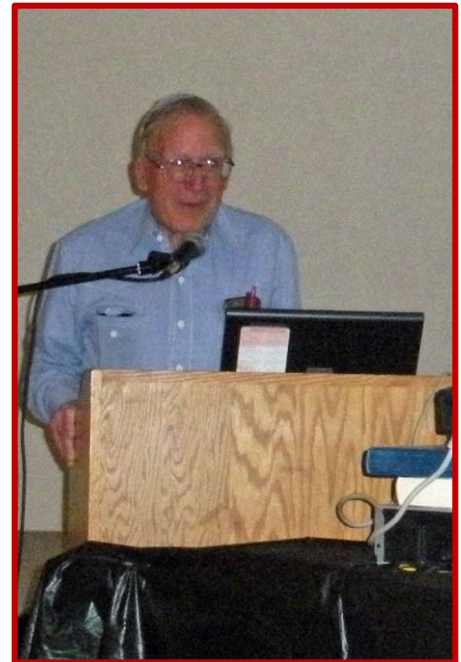
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### **IN BETWEENERS**



**In Betweeners met for a presentation by Alex Burr on Churches of Norway. Of course, we also had lots of good snacks and good fellowship, as usual.**

**February 26th...Bill Kuyper on being a symphony musician.**